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EXPLANATION OF PROGRAMS

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF): TANF cash assistance is a program providing temporary financial assistance to needy families. The receipt of TANF cash assistance is limited to 60 months in an adult's lifetime. Temporary financial assistance may be provided to the following families and individuals: Minor Children; Specified relatives with whom the children are living; The minor children's blood-related/adoptive siblings with whom the children are living; Pregnant women in their last trimester who have no other eligible children; and Refugees with minor dependent children.

FOOD STAMPS (FS): This program supplements the food costs of low income households with food stamps issued through EBT (Electronic Benefit Transaction) where a debit card is used for purchasing food products. This data is reported by household (case), recipient and amount. There are two kinds of assistance: Public-Assistance food stamp households in which all members receive income from TANF or SSI. All other food stamps are considered Non-Assistance. Amounts reflect the actual value of benefits issued.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MEDICAID)*: Payment of medical costs for TANF and SSI individuals and families, and for others who qualify. Each person is counted as a case. Cases are unduplicated by county and by state. For example, if a case moves between counties, the case would be counted in both counties, but only once in the state total. For Table 6 'Child' refers to children under 19 years of age and is comprised of TANF, Foster Care, Ribicoff, Poverty level infant and Subsidized adoption children.

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP): Direct payment to fuel vendors for heating on behalf of low income families and senior citizens. The season runs from October 1 through April 30.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION: Evaluation, counseling, training, medical and an array of other services to people with physical and mental disabilities which constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment and the person requires and can benefit from employment and the person requires and can benefit from vocational rehabilitation services to enter, engage or retain gainful employment.

VISUAL SERVICES: Evaluation, counseling, training, medical treatment, orientation and mobility services, and special low-vision aides to assist the visually impaired become as independent as possible.

CHILD CARE: There are four TANF related child care programs. All of the programs are designed to help TANF eligible or potentially eligible families become or remain self-sufficient. Clients must either be working or attending approved education or training activities and in some cases must pay a co-payment.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM: The Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) is a federal and state funded insurance plan for children up to 19 years old. Household income must meet eligibility requirements. DPHHS pays a premium each month for each child enrolled in CHIP. CHIP covers a wide array of medical services, dental services and eyeglasses for eligible children.

MENTAL HEALTH (MEDICAID): Consumers eligible for services include Medicaid recipients and other low income Montana's with severe mental illness or emotional disturbance.

STATE FUNDED MENTAL HEALTH (NON-MEDICAID): Montana Medicaid and the Montana Mental Health Services Plan provide medically necessary mental health services to eligible individuals. Eligibility for the Mental Health Services plan is established for adults who have an income at or below 150% of the federal poverty level and who have been determined by a licensed mental health professional to have a severe disabling mental illness. Children and adolescents who are eligible for CHIP and who have been determined to have a serious emotional disturbance are eligible for the Mental Health Services Plan. A limited number of children who have been found ineligible for CHIP, but have a family income less than 150% of the federal poverty level and have a serious emotional disturbance may also be enrolled in the Mental Health Services Plan and receive a basic plan of benefits.

* Cases, recipients, and payments are derived from agency payrolls.

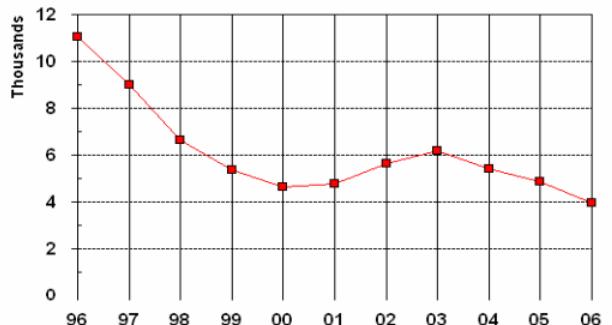
TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

Figure 1

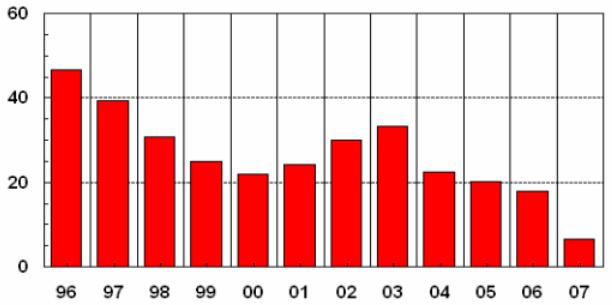
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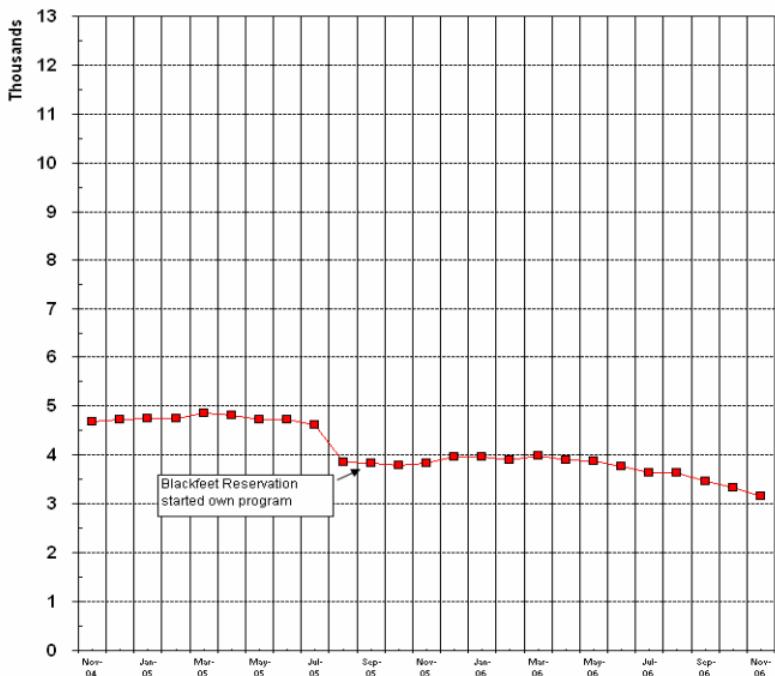
TANF Cases - Fiscal Year Averages



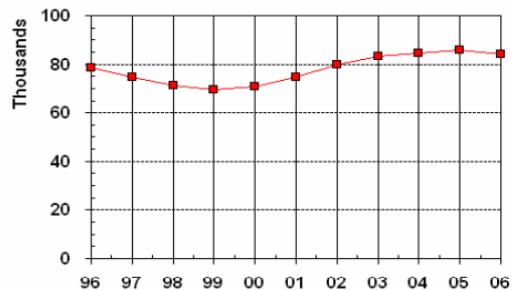
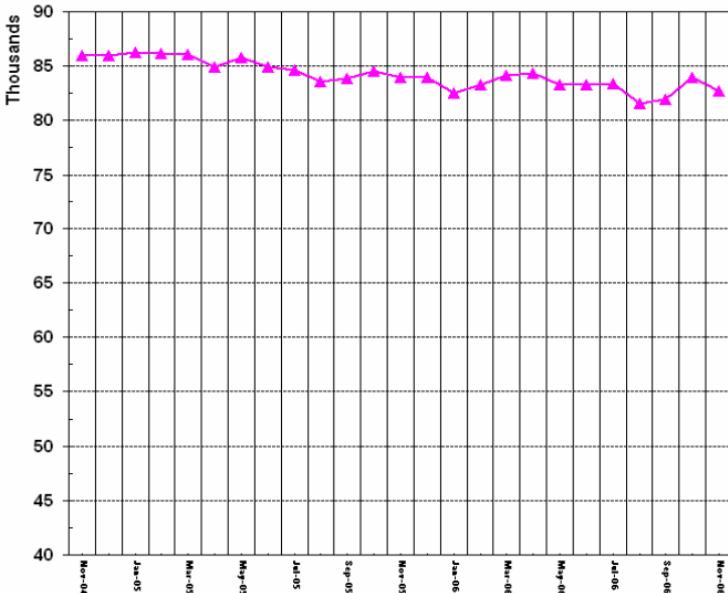
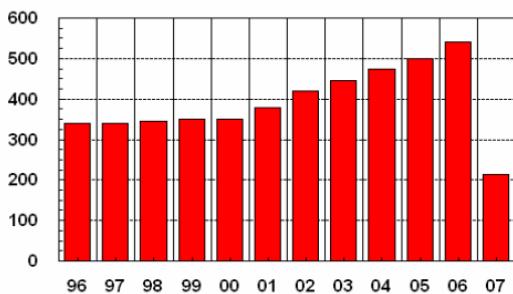
TANF Fiscal Year Payments (millions)



TANF Monthly Cases



Decrease in caseloads for August 2005 due to Blackfeet reservation doing its own Cash Assistance program which affects Glacier and Pondera counties.

Medicaid Eligible - Fiscal Year Averages*** Medicaid Monthly Eligible****Medicaid Fiscal Year Payments (millions)**

In the past I reported claims for Fiscal year Average and Monthly eligible. Effective January 2005 these will be eligible from Query Path.

* Monthly Eligible does not include CHIP and State Funded Medicaid Eligible
Because of retroactive eligibility, the numbers will increase when reran in Query Path after a period of time. I will be taking a snapshot each month.

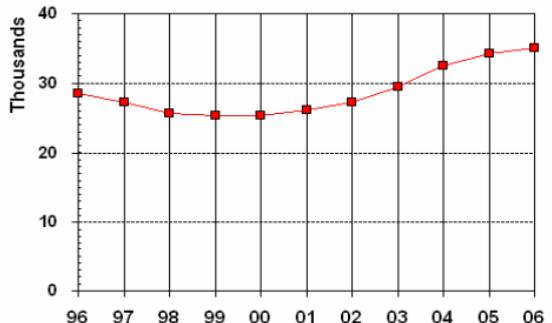
FOOD STAMPS

Figure 3

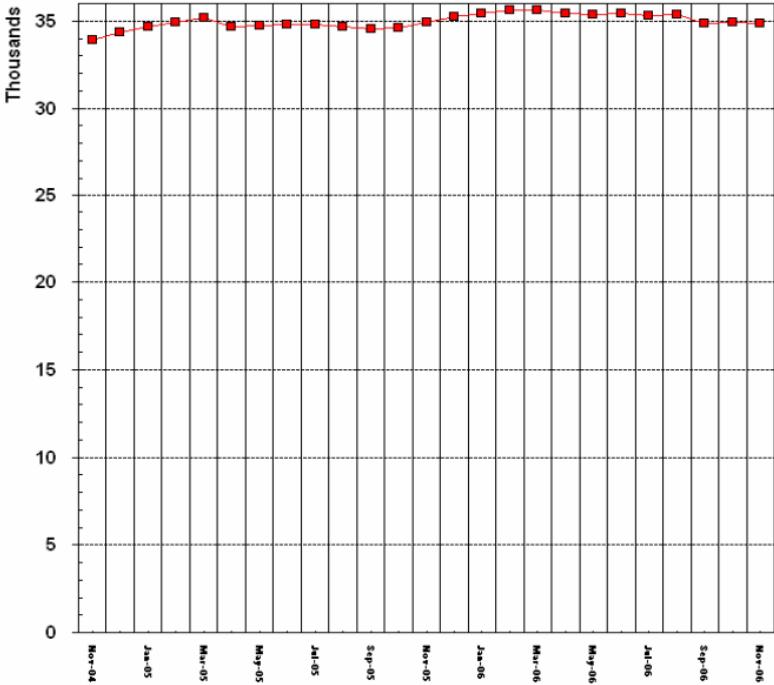
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Food Stamp Cases - Fiscal Year Averages



Food Stamp Monthly Cases



Food Stamp Fiscal Year Payments (millions)

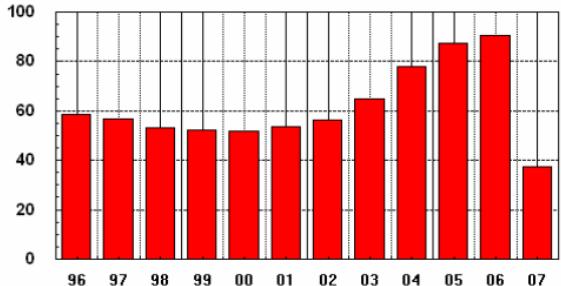


TABLE 1. Summary of Public Assistance and Medical Care
NOVEMBER
2006

OBLIGATIONS INCURRED	NOVEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	PERCENT OF CHANGE	
	2006	2006	2005	OCTOBER 2006	NOVEMBER 2005
All Public Assistance	\$59,596,737	\$71,224,067	\$66,057,195	-16.3%	-9.8%
TANF	\$1,193,895	\$1,267,048	\$1,492,740	-5.8%	-20.0%
Regular TANF	\$1,003,496	\$1,048,157	\$1,216,246	-4.3%	-17.5%
TANF Unemployed Parent	\$190,399	\$218,891	\$276,494	-13.0%	-31.1%
Medical Assistance****	\$49,199,501	\$60,564,194	\$55,330,153	-18.8%	-11.1%
Medicaid Title 19 (Physical Health)***	\$41,515,647	\$50,443,506	\$47,180,650	-17.7%	-12.0%
Medicaid Mental Health	\$7,464,145	\$9,805,235	\$7,856,972	-23.9%	-5.0%
CHIP Dental & Vision*****	\$168,155	\$246,241	\$164,186	-31.7%	2.4%
State Funded Mental Health	\$219,709	\$315,453	\$292,531	-30.4%	-24.9%
Food Stamps*	\$7,468,766	\$7,497,808	\$7,516,950	-0.4%	-0.6%
Day Care**	\$1,566,419	\$1,648,776	\$1,553,166	-5.0%	0.9%
NUMBER OF CASES					
TANF	3,168	3,322	3,839	-4.6%	-17.5%
Regular TANF	2,776	2,871	3,279	-3.3%	-15.3%
TANF Unemployed Parent	392	451	560	-13.1%	-30.0%
Medicaid Title 19 (Physical Health)--Claims paid	70,072	73,808	87,451	-5.1%	-19.9%
Medicaid Mental Health	8,305	9,412	9,092	-11.8%	-8.7%
Childrens Health Insurance (Enrolled)	13,220	13,184	11,808	0.3%	12.0%
State Funded Mental Health	1,306	1,536	1,615	-15.0%	-19.1%
Food Stamps	34,880	34,923	34,910	-0.1%	-0.1%
Day Care	5,286	5,327	5,600	-0.8%	-5.6%
AVERAGE PAYMENTS					
TANF	\$376.86	\$381.41	\$388.84	-1.2%	-3.1%
Regular TANF	\$361.49	\$365.08	\$370.92	-1.0%	-2.5%
TANF Unemployed Parent	\$485.71	\$485.35	\$493.74	0.1%	-1.6%
Medicaid Title 19 (Physical Health) per Claim	\$592.47	\$683.44	\$539.51	-13.3%	9.8%
Food Stamps	\$214.13	\$214.70	\$215.32	-0.3%	-0.6%
YEAR TO DATE PAYMENTS					
TANF	\$6,547,660	\$5,353,765	\$5,876,372	22.3%	11.4%
Regular TANF	\$5,422,812	\$4,419,316	\$4,745,606	22.7%	14.3%
TANF Unemployed Parent	\$1,124,848	\$934,449	\$1,130,766	20.4%	-0.5%
Medical Assistance	\$254,231,709	\$205,032,208	\$219,318,282	24.0%	15.9%
Medicaid Title 19 (Physical Health)	\$213,537,645	\$172,021,998	\$186,630,770	24.1%	14.4%
Medicaid Mental Health	\$39,496,214	\$32,032,069	\$31,517,312	23.3%	25.3%
CHIP Dental & Vision	\$800,179	\$632,023	\$741,363	26.6%	7.9%
State Funded Mental Health	\$1,197,850	\$978,141	\$1,170,200	22.5%	2.4%
Food Stamps	\$37,280,367	\$29,811,601	\$29,893,600	25.1%	24.7%
Day Care	\$7,985,616	\$6,419,197	\$6,576,690	24.4%	21.4%

*Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) value

**Day Care cases are unduplicated. Year to Date figures may vary due to cancellations, returns or other adjusting items.

***Medical Assistance figures for November 2006 and November 2005 are based on 4 weekly payrolls. October 2006 is based on 5 weekly payrolls.

****Medical Assistance figures do not include payments made outside the ACS system. These will be included in the SFY end bulletin.

***** Chip capitation is no longer being included in Chip category, therefore; the totals will be a lot less than previous years.

FIGURE 4

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE THROUGH NOVEMBER 2006 COST BY CATEGORY OF SERVICE

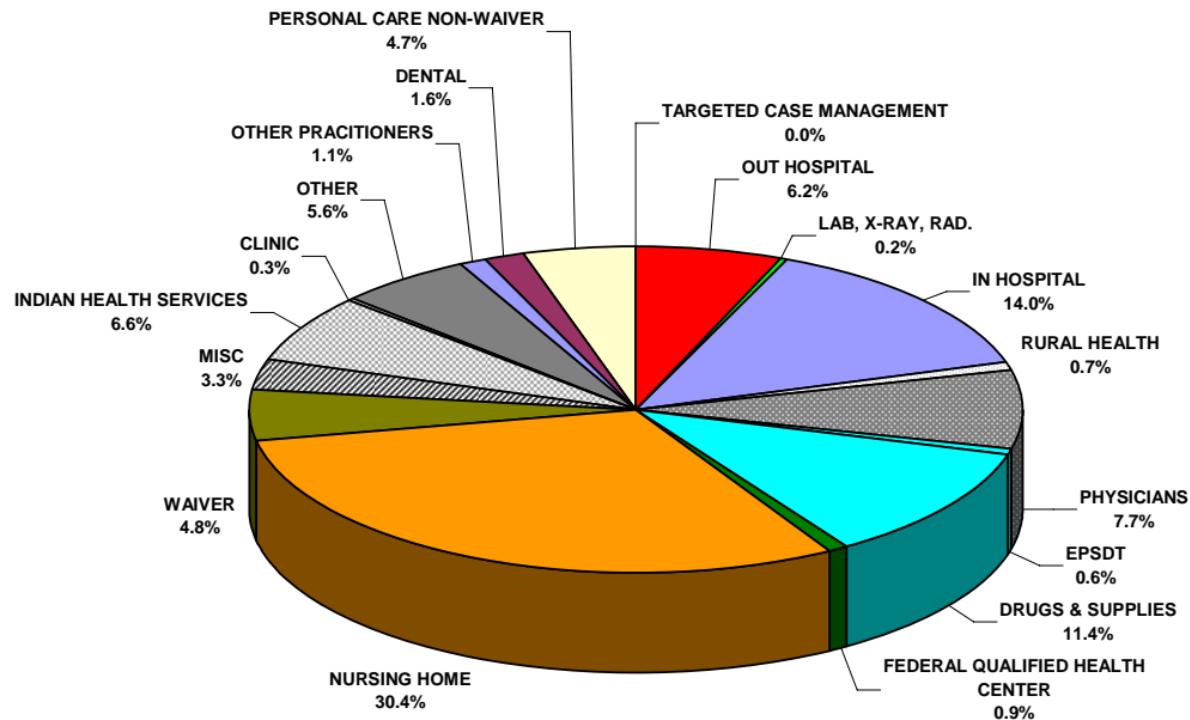


TABLE 10. LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE, BY COUNTY

JULY 1, 2006 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2006

COUNTY	HEAT ASSIST CASES	RECIPIENTS	HANDICAPPED CASES	SENIOR CIT. CASES	HEAT ASSIST PAYMENTS	HEAT ASSIST OBLIGATIONS
BEAVERHEAD.....	78	125	40	35	\$27,917	\$28,916
BIG HORN.....	270	822	94	79	\$139,250	\$143,420
BLAINE.....	48	94	22	19	\$15,943	\$16,522
BROADWATER.....	78	159	39	37	\$35,425	\$36,815
CARBON.....	46	75	28	20	\$16,332	\$16,332
CARTER.....	6	7	4	3	\$2,543	\$2,543
CASCADE.....	487	905	250	190	\$173,344	\$175,346
CHOUTEAU.....	20	39	9	10	\$8,345	\$8,345
CUSTER.....	64	106	42	29	\$19,044	\$19,044
DANIELS.....	13	22	7	6	\$4,714	\$4,714
DAWSON.....	68	97	31	32	\$20,546	\$20,546
DEER LODGE.....	126	227	70	45	\$43,508	\$45,110
FALLON.....	10	18	3	7	\$2,233	\$2,233
FERGUS.....	83	149	33	47	\$27,545	\$28,920
FLATHEAD.....	494	826	287	255	\$134,835	\$134,397
GALLATIN.....	229	490	96	66	\$88,424	\$93,785
GARFIELD.....	7	13	1	4	\$2,998	\$2,998
GLACIER.....	33	52	17	18	\$10,806	\$11,417
GOLDEN VALLEY.....	11	25	6	7	\$5,470	\$6,203
GRANITE.....	33	55	25	14	\$13,266	\$13,266
HILL.....	148	345	55	29	\$54,125	\$55,873
JEFFERSON.....	123	249	66	49	\$49,770	\$51,141
JUDITH BASIN.....	24	43	9	12	\$11,493	\$11,493
LAKE.....	257	468	152	143	\$104,762	\$105,241
LEWIS & CLARK.....	775	1,667	377	207	\$293,372	\$299,863
LIBERTY.....	10	17	6	7	\$2,788	\$3,369
LINCOLN.....	445	772	290	199	\$168,883	\$168,883
MADISON.....	53	79	31	28	\$22,450	\$22,450
MC CONE.....	8	16	5	5	\$3,698	\$3,698
MEAGHER.....	36	50	21	23	\$16,818	\$16,818
MINERAL.....	114	238	54	38	\$47,133	\$48,569
MISSOULA.....	1,012	2,249	419	241	\$336,613	\$347,205
MUSSEL SHELL.....	78	145	26	31	\$30,331	\$33,831
PARK.....	135	226	74	51	\$50,242	\$50,664
PETROLEUM.....	6	17	1	3	\$2,883	\$3,355
PHILLIPS.....	44	64	20	31	\$14,373	\$14,373
PODERA.....	101	195	43	38	\$36,524	\$36,607
POWDER RIVER.....	11	22	4	8	\$3,719	\$3,719
POWELL.....	79	126	47	44	\$28,122	\$28,984
PRAIRIE.....	10	12	4	6	\$2,582	\$2,582
RAVALLI.....	417	817	170	167	\$143,698	\$147,842
RICHLAND.....	53	87	27	23	\$17,045	\$17,045
ROOSEVELT.....	23	38	9	11	\$10,184	\$10,184
ROSEBUD.....	37	59	19	18	\$16,282	\$16,282
SANDERS.....	179	295	109	100	\$68,976	\$68,976
SHERIDAN.....	36	48	21	17	\$15,394	\$14,775
SILVER BOW.....	604	1,170	313	189	\$206,065	\$217,687
STILLWATER.....	41	74	15	25	\$17,162	\$17,162
SWEETGRASS.....	11	16	7	5	\$3,838	\$3,838
TETON.....	77	152	39	28	\$29,265	\$29,015
TOOLE.....	62	105	26	27	\$24,228	\$24,228
TREASURE.....	9	16	3	6	\$2,952	\$2,952
VALLEY.....	37	52	19	17	\$15,528	\$11,528
WHEATLAND.....	20	40	10	13	\$6,692	\$7,154
WIBAU.....	11	27	6	6	\$4,311	\$4,311
YELLOWSTONE.....	1,036	2,140	517	369	\$350,011	\$357,856
Unknown	4	8	0	0	\$0	\$0
STATE TOTAL.....	8,330	16,450	4,118	3,137	* \$3,056,767.95	\$3,070,425

HANDICAPPED CASES: THOSE CASES WITH AT LEAST ONE HANDICAPPED PERSON IN THE HOUSEHOLD

SENIOR CIT. CASES: THOSE CASES WITH AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO IS OVER 59 YEARS OF AGE
IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

HEAT ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS: HEAT ASSISTANCE DOLLARS SPENT DURING REPORT PERIOD.

HEAT ASSISTANCE OBLIGATIONS: THE TOTAL HEAT ASSISTANCE DOLLARS OBLIGATED FOR CURRENT
CASES.CASES AND RECIPIENTS ARE UNDUPPLICATED AT THE COUNTY AND THE STATE LEVEL. THIS MEANS
THE SUM OF COUNTY COUNTS CAN BE GREATER THAN THE STATE TOTAL COUNTS FOR RECIPIENTS
AND CASES. RECIPIENTS, HANDICAPPED CASES, AND SENIOR CASES ARE BASED ON STATUS ON
THE MOST RECENT APPLICATION FOR STATE COUNTS AND MOST RECENT APPLICATION IN THE
COUNTY FOR COUNTY COUNTS.

* THE STATE TOTAL HEAT ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FIGURE INCLUDES CHECK CANCELLATIONS, CURRENT HEATING SEASON VENDOR
RETURNS, COLLECTIONS, AND SPECIAL CHECKS WRITTEN OUTSIDE THE COMPUTERIZED LEAP PAYMENT SYSTEM. THE COUNTY LEVEL
HEAT ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS ARE DERIVED SOLELY FROM CHECKS WRITTEN THROUGH THE COMPUTERIZED LEAP SYSTEM.

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE
Figure 5 STATE FISCAL YEAR, 2007

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